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LIMITING THE MOVEMENT OF A)
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EQUIPPED WITH SAID)
APPARATUS)

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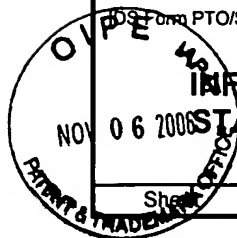
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